

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 4124      **Date/Time Notice:** 6/10/2016      1300      **DEM Incident No:**

**Responsible Party:** Otter Tail Power Company

**Date Incident:** 6/9/2016      **Time Incident:** 2300      **Duration:**

**County:** Bottineau      **Twp:** 159      **Rng:** 83      **Sec:** 3      **Qtr:**

**Lat:** 48.62559      **Long:** -101.37780      **Method:** Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** Behind 743 3rd Avenue    Lansford, ND

**Submitted By:** Paul Vukonich

**Affiliation:**

**Address:** 215 South Cascade Street

**City:**    Fergus Falls

**State:** MN

**Zip:** 56538-0496

**Received By:**

**Contact Person:** Paul Vukonich  
215 South Cascade Street  
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**Distance Nearest Occupied Building:**

**Release Contained:** Yes

**Type of Incident:** Transformer oil spill

**Description of Released Contaminant:** Non-PCB transformer oil

**Volume Spilled:** 28.00 gallons

**Ag Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** No

**Reported to NRC:** Unknown

**Cause of Incident:**

Storm exhibiting straight-lined winds and heavy rain passed through the area. Pole mount transformer was struck by falling tree which caused damage to transformer and release of oil.

**Risk Evaluation:**

No immediate risk

**# of Fatalities:**

**# of Injuries:**

**Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

**Potential Environmental Impacts:**

Contacted grass will most likely die. Soil excavation may be necessary.

**Action Taken or Planned:**

Upon arriving onsite, the rain had dissipated the oil such that no concentrated areas of oil were visible. Action plan is to return in one to two weeks to look for areas of dead grass which would indicate contact with transformer oil. Any impacted areas will then be removed and clean material put in its place. No storm sewers or waterbodies nearby.

**Wastes Disposal Location:**

**Agencies Involved:**

## ***Updates***

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***Date:*** 6/10/2016    ***Status:*** Correspondence

***Author:*** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

### ***Updated Volume:***

#### ***Notes:***

I contacted the staff at Ottertail power requesting photos, means of establishing PCB status, and other information. They provided me with a photo of the transformer nameplate, and it says right on the unit that it was manufactured without the use of PCBs. Photo in corresponding folder. I will update as more information is obtained.

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***Date:*** 6/10/2016    ***Status:*** Reviewed - Assigned to NDDoH Division

***Author:*** Souder, Taylor

### ***Updated Volume:***

#### ***Notes:***

Reassigned to Waste Management within NDDoH.